GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ASHA Health Workers in Urban Areas
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the appointment of health workers in urban areas along the lines of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) is being considered and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the work area and the minimum educational qualification required for the said workers;

(c) whether ASHA health workers are proposed to be appointed across the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT, district-wise;

(d) the names of the districts selected in Maharashtra for the said purpose; and

(e) whether Wardha and Amrawati in Maharashtra have been selected and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Public Health is a State subject. Under the National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs for both rural and urban areas for strengthening their healthcare system including support for Accredited Social health Activists (ASHAs) based on proposals received from State/UT Governments.

(b): As per guidelines, one ASHA is stipulated for 1000-2500 population and the minimum educational qualification is 10th Class.

(c): The status of ASHAs selected under NUHM and NRHM is at Annexure−I&II respectively.

(d): As per the information sent by the State Governement of Maharashtra, 35 districts in the State have been selected and details are at Annexure-III.

(e): Yes. As per information sent by State Government of Maharashtra, in Amrawati district-2156 ASHAs are selected and in Wardha district − 1024 ASHAs are selected.